



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor : Phillip H. Schmid

Appln. No.: 09/778,479

Filed : February 2, 2001

For : COMPACT EASILY PARSEABLE
BINARY FORMAT FOR A CONTEXT-
FREE GRAMMAR

Docket No.: M61.12-0337

Group Art Unit: 2654

Examiner: SHORTLEDGE,
Thomas E.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER IS BEING
SENT BY U.S. MAIL, FIRST CLASS, TO THE
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450,
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, THIS

10th DAY OF *January*, 2005
PL
PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

An interview was held between Theodore M. Magee, Thomas Shortledge and Talivadis Smits on December 14, 2004. Claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 21, and 23 were discussed.

In regards to claims 1 and 23, Applicant discussed how Woods does not show or suggest a transition entry that has a last transition value that indicates that the transition entry is the last transition from the state. With regards to claim 7, Applicant stated that Schapiro does not show or suggest an index to a rule entry that represents a group of transitions. With regards to claim 9, Applicant stated that none of the cited references show rule entries that represent a group of transitions and that all have the same fixed size. With regards to claim 21, Applicant stated that Chung does not show or suggest transition entries of a same size.

The Examiner agreed that the arguments put forth by the Applicant overcame the existing art. The Examiner indicated in a follow-up interview that although the claims overcame the existing art, the Examiner would like to perform a further search.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTMAN, CHAMPLIN & KELLY, P.A.

By: 

, Reg. No.
Suite 1600 - International Centre
900 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3319
Phone: (612) 334-3222 Fax: (612) 334-3312